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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 10, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is filed in response to a June 10, 2003 Final Office Action issued by the Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Final Office Action was originally due September 10, 2003. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) for a three-month extension of time. The required small entity fee for a three month extension of time is \$475.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed herewith. As a result, the deadline for responding to the Final Office Action is December 10, 2003. A Notice of Appeal from the final rejection of claims 95 and 100-126 is being filed concurrently herewith with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, this Amendment and the Notice of Appeal are being timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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